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HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN  
MATTER CONCERNING JUDGE ROBERT B. FREEDMAN

On May 3, 2006, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Judge Robert B. Freedman, a judge of the Alameda County Superior Court. The hearing has been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Sixth District Court of Appeal at 333 West Santa Clara Street in San Jose, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

Under the rules that govern Commission proceedings, the hearing will be conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Justice Eugene M. Premo, Court of Appeal, Sixth District; Justice Kathryn Doi Todd, Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Two; and Judge William A. Mayhew, Superior Court of Stanislaus County.

At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses. Commission Trial Counsel Andrew Blum has been designated as examiner. Judge Freedman is represented by attorneys Joseph P. McMonigle and Kathleen M. Ewins of Long & Levit LLP in San Francisco, California.

Following completion of the hearing, the special masters will provide the Commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the Commission. If the Commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the Commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is Marshall B. Grossman, Esq. of Los Angeles, California.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the Commission's Web page at [www.cjp.ca.gov](http://www.cjp.ca.gov).